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LOK SABHA

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WOMEN COACH IN LOCAL EMU
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether in Sealdah Railway division the women bogies in local EMU have been changed just after vendors;

(b) If so, whether any objections from women?s side received by DRM, Sealdah;

(c) If so, the steps taken by the DRM to change the vendors bogy to avoid the congestion of goods at the platforms of nearby women bogy to avoid accident of women specially in Sealdah Station; and

(d) If not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. After opening of Circular Railway track between Princep Ghat and Majerhat w.e.f. 01.02.2006 and consequent extension of Circular Railway service from Princep Ghat to Majerhat-Ballygunge- Sonarpur-Champahati-Lakshmikantapur etc, there was a situation that operation of some trains involved rake reversal at Ballygunge. Consequently, location of the ladies compartment with reference to any fixed point on the platform would have changed. No fool proof system could be evolved which would have given pre-intimation to ladies passengers regarding location of ladies compartment in any train. To get rid of this undesirable situation, it was decided to distribute ladies earmarked accommodation at both ends of each rake. Hence, ?D? type coach which consists of partly vendor accommodation and partly passenger accommodation were marshalled next to Driving cars at each end and the passenger portion of the ?D? type coaches were earmarked as ladies accommodation. This also took care of the compulsion to attach ladies coach adjacent to Guard or Motorman. Immediately after this arrangement, there were objections from women?s side and the above position was clarified by letters as well as through personal hearing. Further, Railway Protection Force(RPF) protection were arranged to eliminate the infiltration problem and ?floor to roof? solid separations have also been arranged and these steps have satisfied most of the womens representatives. Accumulation of goods on platform adjacent to vendors? coaches is unavoidable irrespective of the location of the vendor coach. However, no report of an accident in Sealdah station on this account is available on record. The above arrangement has created more accommodation for lady passengers and avoided greater inconvenience that would have been caused by reversal of rakes.